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Note the attached communication from the examiner regarding the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 9, 2006.

***Information Disclosure Statement***

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on August 9, 2006 has been considered by the examiner.

It is noted that the document EP 1090798 A1 is categorized as an "X" document relative to claims 1, 3 and 4 in the Supplementary European Search Report. The '798 EP document was previously cited by the examiner and applied under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) against applicant's original claims 1, 3 and 4 in the Office action mailed on March 24, 2006. Claim 1 was amended in the response filed on June 26, 2006 in order to distinguish over this document.


None of the newly cited documents is seen to affect the patentability of claims 1-7 which remain allowable for the same reasons given in the Notice of Allowability mailed on July 17, 2006.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard M. Lorence whose telephone number is (571) 272-7094. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 10:30AM to 7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles A. Marmor can be reached on (571) 272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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In re Application of  
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Serial No: 10/509,744  
Filed: September 30, 2004  
For: TRAVELING TRANSMISSION OF  
WORKING VEHICLE

: DECISION ON REQUEST  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.97  
: FOR CONSIDERATION  
: OF INFORMATION  
: DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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The request under 37 CFR 1.97(d) for consideration of an information disclosure statement filed on August 8, 2006 after allowance has been:

☒ GRANTED.

☐ DENIED.

The request lacks:

☐ The required fee under 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2) and 1.17(p).

☐ A proper certification as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1) or 1.97(e)(2). 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1) requires statement to include that each item of information contained in the IDS was **first** cited in **any** communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS.

The information disclosure statement has been placed of record in the file and will be considered by the examiner. See Federal Register 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (September 8, 2000); Official Gazette 1238 Off. Gaz. Pat Office 77 (September 19, 2000) for rule changes fo 37 CFR 1.97.

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